

On Wed, Aug 30, 2023 at 1:16 PM Cristine Deberry <cristine.deberry@prosecutorsalliance.org> wrote:
Dear District Attorney Middleton;

We would like to invite two members of your office to attend the Prosecutors Alliance inaugural Conference on Prosecution of Law Enforcement Misconduct in November. This Conference, hosted by the Prosecutors Alliance in partnership with the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, will provide a unique opportunity for prosecutors, experts, and academics to come together to learn how to effectively evaluate and prosecute appropriate police use-of-force cases.

Addressing a Need

It is notoriously difficult to hold police officers accountable for crimes, particularly illegal conduct involving use of force. Common challenges include reliance on investigations conducted by a conflicted agency, limited access to or confidence in expert witnesses, lack of experience with intense media and political attention, and legal standards designed to shield the decisions of police officers from scrutiny. Given that police prosecutions are practically challenging and politically unfavorable, it is unsurprising that few prosecutors have filed criminal charges against a police officer for killing a civilian on-duty, and the few that have mustered the political courage have been largely unsuccessful.

The Conference

Although there are myriad obstacles to successful police prosecutions, unlike for virtually any other type of case there is no established Conference at which a prosecutor can learn best practices. The Prosecutors Alliance Conference on Prosecution of Law Enforcement Misconduct will address this gap by bringing together experts and practitioners from across the nation to create a community of learning centered around the fair and successful prosecution of police misconduct resulting in death.

The Conference agenda will take place over the course of two days and will include multiple panels, expert speakers in the field, keynote speakers, and opportunities for participants to enter breakout rooms for more in-depth discussion of issues in the nascent field of police accountability. The immediate objective of the conference is for prosecutors to develop the knowledge, skills, tools, confidence, and courage to apply the law equally, even where the accused may be a law enforcement officer.

Details and RSVP

The Conference on Prosecution of Law Enforcement Misconduct will take place from late afternoon of **Thursday, November 2 – Saturday, November 4, 2023** at U.C. Berkeley Law School. We invite you to select two representatives from your office that you feel would get the most out of this Conference, ideally prosecutors working on cases with law enforcement defendants. We are not able to cover travel and accommodations expenses. Please have each attendee [RSVP here](#). Space is very limited, so we would appreciate RSVPs for the two individuals who will attend by **Friday, September 8th**. Once we have RSVPs we will follow up with additional information on travel logistics and a draft agenda.